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# Willey to Head Chamber of Commerce In 1948

Meredith Willey, manager of Whitehorn Ranch, was elected president of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the membership last Friday night in the Community Hall. The new president was an artillery officer and served in the African and Italian campaigns in the recent World fracas. He has been interested in civic affairs in Joshua Tree and is an officer and charter member of the Sportsmans Club.

Serving with Willey for the coming year will be B. B. Wilds, owner of Wilds Variety Store, vice-president; Kenneth L. Williams, owner of the Gift Box, who was re-elected treasurer; and Gerald McMillen, Journal editor, as secretary.

Serving on the board of directors for a period of three years will be Hillard Lafferty, partner in Lafferty Brothers road building firm; Herb Peterson of Peterson Brothers cabinet shop; and Robert K. Fields, U. S. Navy, retired. Elected to the board for a two year tenure of office are George Beard, plastering contractor; Art Snyder, operator of the meat department in the Trading Post; and Robert Kroes, Sun Valley turkey grower. Directors for the one year term are John L. Duncan, real estate broker; Hubert Aldridge, proprietor of the Desert Trading Post; and Chas. A. Mitchell of the Joshua Tree Townsite Company.

The president-elect in a short speech to the members thanked them for honoring him and said that only with the cooperation of everyone can the Chamber prosper and accomplish its purpose. He urged attendance at all meetings.

Retiring president McMillen, before the election reported to the membership on the activities and accomplishments of the yast year. He thanked the officers, directors and members for their support in the organizations program.

The new officers and directors will take office on January 1st, 1948. The first regular membership meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month and the directors will meet on the Tuesday preceding the membership meeting.

## No Connections

By Howard W. Way

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Howard W. Way, whose story makes its initial appearance here, is a student at the Maren Elwood Professional School for Writers. Way spends several days each week at his place in Sun Valley. He is a native of Omaha, Nebraska, but has lived in California several year. During World War II Howard Way was a member of the 825th Engineer Aviation Battalion and served in England, France and Germany.

Sally Vandrews, at twenty, clearly didn't look the matron she believed herself to be. She waited for the porter to pick up her bag and followed him down the aisle. On other snappy mornings, the porter had led feminine customers out of the warmth of a Pullman and deposited them on the station platform in Reno. But he had never expected to see, divorce-bound, so young and so pretty a girl Her very expression of petulant hostility sure 'nough indicated that a husband had erred recently and unpardonably.

At the head of the line of cars the engine exhaled steam which faded instantly in the chill air. Sally marched into the waiting room. Firmly, she wove her way among passengers hurrying to and from the waiting train. She noticed that a miniature mob surrounded the information desk.

A red cap placed her bag beside a bench. Sally dropped a coin into the ready palm, and sat down to wait.

Terry used to say that their marriage would never break, "like a frayed heart string." Yet Terry Vandrews was no poet; he was a serious law student who had a faculty for words.

On another morning, not quite a week since, Sally had prepared breakfast as usual. As usual, because no matter how expertly she burned the toast on purpose or scorched the coffee, Terry showed no annoyance. He just ate anything put before him. Sally often wondered if there was any truth in the supposed barrier between ages in matrimony, for Terry was almost thirty. He's getting set in his ways, she thought.

Terry had set a large book beside his plate. He leafed through it a ways and with one hand held down a page and began reading, while with the other he fed himself with assured accuracy. Sally restrained herself from speaking through clenched teeth.

"Terry! . . . . Isn't it enough that you do that every night?"

Terry put down his fork and reached for the percolator. "Now, Sally . . . Again? It's only a few more weeks before the exams."

"You could spend more time with your wife, you know. You could even talk to me, for instance. Why must you mess around cramming yourself like this, doing it the hard way? Why . . . you even read slowly!"

"Slowly! I'm studying." Terry approached his cup. He managed to sip the coffee without changing expression, and avoided glancing significantly at Sally. "You've got to study if you want to pass the state bar examination. Just think, Sally, before another year I'll have my own practice. Be in business for myself."

Sally found her cue. "Well. Uncle Alfred, you know —"

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## Turkey Growers Have Good Season

In spite of the fact that it was considered a poor year for turkey raisers local growers received a gratifying return for their crop, reports Bob Kroes, Sun Valley rancher. He stated that the broad-breasted bronze birls raised at Sun Valley and in the Monument averaged three pounds heavier when dressed out than the average for southern California turkeys. Most of the locally grown birds were graded top quality.

John Guin, field representative for Albers Milling Co., and Kroes spent Thursday conferring with turkey raisers in this vicinity on plans for an increased production next year. Several new flocks will be started and with the expansion planned by established growers it is expected that many more thousands will be marketed from this area in 1948.

Kroes said that a feed storage warehouse and service will be established at Sun Valley after the first of the year which will enable growers to profit by lower feed costs. While most of the local birds were sold through a cooperative many were offered to local retail buyers for holiday feasts.

## Streamlined Bus Inaugurates New Hasty Service

To the accompaniment of cheers from an admiring crowd, Johnnie Hasty piloted his new cream and green, chrome trimmed streamlined bus into Joshua Tree Saturday afternoon on its initial run. Adorned with oomphy versions of the Lady from 29 Palms the purring behemoth of the highways made several stops in the business section before it rolled up to the station in front of the Desert Steak House. There, as the crowd yelled it approval, Postmaster Grace Aldridge broke a bottle of champagne over its sleek nose.

Johnnie proudly pointed out the roomy baggage compartment and other features of the twenty-five passenger vehicle while its cargo of humans and freight was disembarked. Then with a fancy snort and a deep-toned rumble from the bus he tooled it on to another reception at the end of the line in 29 Palms.

## Palm Springs Woman Hurt As Car Overturns

Dorothy Coughran of Palm Springs, it was reported to the Journal, was seriously injured about 8 p.m. Sunday night when her car overturned on the road through Devils Garden. She was found pinned under the wrecked car when passersby came on the scene of the accident. James Freeman of the Morongo Shell Service was called and removed the car from the victim with his wrecker. He was accompanied by Mrs. C. Millington, a registered nurse, who administered to the injured woman until the Banning ambulance arrived.

Freeman stated that the car apparently had rolled over and landed on its right side, the victim appeared to have been thrown out and pinned underneath. The medical kti from the First Aid station was of use at the accident.

No witnesses could be located at press time and the victim, said Freeman, was unconscious when found. Hiway patrolmen who investigated could not be reached before the Journal was printed.

## Seal Sales Reach Third of Quota

Returns during the first two weeks of the annual Christmas Seal Sale conducted by the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis and Health Association totaled $13,600.00, Mr. J. Clifford Lee, county chairman, announced. The sale, which opened Nov. 24th with the mail delivery of Seals, will continue until Christmas.

Occurring each year during the month before Christmas, the sale is the only appeal made by the tuberculosis association for funds to finance its tuberculosis prevention and control program.

The first two weeks returns represent 34% of the 1947 goal of $40,000.00, Mr. Lee said. The quota is based on estimated operating expenses for 1948, when Seal Sale funds will be used to support the chest X-ray and other health programs to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in San Bernardino County.

"Although the sale will continue until Christmas, it is extremely helpful to the association and to the post office if returns are made early, before the heavy rush of Christmas mail begins. We are grateful to those who have sent in their contributions promptly. If others are as prompt the projects planned to make our communities healthier places in which to live in 1948 can be carried out, concluded Mr. Lee.

## Women's Club Nets $80 at Bazaar-Sale

When the last cookie had been sold and most of the fancy work disposed of at the Womens Club bake sale and bazaar on Saturday it was reported that nearly $80 had been realized for the Club treasury. From 9:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon club members were dispensing cakes, pies, cookies, candy, salads and doughnuts and coffee in the new drug store building at the Highway and Center Street. At the same time other members were offering all kinds of hand work such as lace, aprons, hot dish holders, shopping bags and many other items to the many purchasers.

Mrs. C. O. Peterson, head of the Sewing Circle, and Mrs. R. K. Fields, bake sale chairman, were assisted by Mrs C. A. Mitchell, club president, Mrs. C. M. Lyday, Mrs. J Merrit Leach, Mrs William Bunker, Mrs. Meredith Willey, Mrs. Bob Garry and Miss Norma Ojala.

## New Residents Building Home

R. E. Stacey of Banning assisted by his son-in-law Harold M. Jost last week started the foundation for a new frame-stucco home on Valley View Circle. Stacey, Jost and R. E. Stacey, Jr. plan to move their families here and engage in business some time after the first of the year.

Stacey, Senior was agent for the Southern California Freight Lines from 1933 until 1944. He also conducted a service station and a taxi business in Banning until July of this year. Mrs. Stacey will remain in Banning until their home in that city is sold.

Jost was formerly a superintendent in the shops of Kobe Mfg. Co. in Los Angeles. With his wife and two children he plans to move from Southgate here. Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Jr., and two children will also reside in Joshua Tree.

## Line Crew Moves To New Project

The popular members of the Schulman Co. Line crew moved on to a new job locale the first of the week. Homer Evans, superintendent, said they expected to run the lines on the Kaiser project in the southeast corner of the Monument, working from Desert Center as a base of operations. Several of the men plan to retain their living quarters here.

# The Personal Touch

Mrs. Homer Evans and daughter returned Saturday morning from a visit with relatives in Dallas and Sweetwater, Texas.

Visiting the R. S. Joneses at their foothill home west of Joshua Tree last week were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fry of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashburn, formerly of Spokane, Washington are building a home on their acreage on Yucca Mesa road near the 29 Palms Highway They expect to move in about the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian D. Matthews of Santa Ana spent the weekend in Joshua Tree at the Mira Monte Courts.

Last Thursday night Howard Way, Sun Valley writer, was the unwitting dinner host for a family of trader rats. A plate of hominy left to cool in Howard's tent home was licked clean during his absence and in payment he found eight pieces of desert debris.

Mrs. Helen M. Dinsmore left last Wednesday to spend the holiday season with friends in Los Angeles.

Mrs. W. S. Keatley, teacher at the Joshua Tree school, has been confined to her home this past week wtih the flu.

The intersection at the Hiway and Park Boulevard got an unexpected wetting last Friday when the trailer hitch on Martel Ferris' car broke. He and Barney Copley had just pulled away from the station with a couple barrels of water when the dam broke, as it were.

Accompanying Steve Moninger of the Townsite Company on his midweek trip from the city were Mrs. Charlotte Schley of Woodland Hills and James Bowman, a Government road engineer from San Francisco. Mrs. Schley remained in Joshua Tree until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ries and daughter, Susan of Placentia were visitors for several days last week at the Ira Hovers. Mr. Ries is field superintendent for Placentia Mutual Orange Growers association.

Little Marilyn Mae Coulter will celebrate her fourth birthday on Wednesday, December 17th, with a family party at her home.

Park Boulevard has a new touch of color in the tiled terrace in front of Wilsons Home Furnishings.

Mrs. Grace Utzman, daughter Toni Morris and son Bob Morris are expecting a new Quonset hut this week which they will erect for a turkey brooder house on the Utzman acreage at Sun Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Von V. Worthen are building a new frame home on their Grand View lot.

Francis L. Biggs was a stay-at-home for several days last week because of a bout with the flu bug.

Because of a back injury Mrs. Edith Von Radesky was taken in the ambulance to Dr. Wm. Ince's office last Wednesday. Mrs. Yeaman attended while George Beard drove.

Chrome Sets — Lyons Furn. Co.

Garnett Jones from the office of the County Planning Commission spent last Thursday in Joshua Tree conferring with business men and Chamber of Commerce officials about zoning regulations.

Saturday evening Mrs. Chester R. Bunker was pleasantly surprised by a group of friends at a pre-birthday celebration at the Clubhouse. Joining in congratulations to the honoree were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. William G Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, Miss Nancy White, Col. E. B. Moore, Steve Moninger, Miss Louise Williams, Chester Bunker, Miss Margie Smith, Mrs. F. M. Minear, Mrs. Edythe Fraetis and Larry Gray.

After a week's stay at LeOrra Courts Mrs. M. G. Kimball left on Monday for her home in Long Beach.

Miss Myrna Hoernke is visiting her aunt and uncle, the Frank Wilbergs. She returned to Joshua Tree Saturday on Hasty's new bus after a tour of coast cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Krumcke spent last Wednesday in town with their daughter and Mrs. Krumcke's mother.

Weekending in Joshua Tree were Mrs. F. M. Mimear of Inglewood and Miss Margie A. Smith of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray B. Krumcke and Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Pierpoint will leave December 20th to spend the holidays with relatives in Wichita, Kansas and Bristow, Oklahoma.

An added attraction at the bus christening Saturday was Bob Fields' new scooter which came sputtering to the scene just after the champagne bottle had busted. Bob says he figures to get a hundred miles to the gallon of gas with his flashy red speedster, which is good mileage on anybody's vehicle.

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Mrs. Ida Barnes of Long Beach is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene "Doc" Ford.


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# Morongo Valley Notes

By M. R. HESS

Residents in the rural district of Morongo turned on the electric lights for the first time last week. Electric appliances in the homes and outside motors and pumping plants are now going full blast.

Twenty members of the Morongo Womans Social Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Alice Kinsley last Thursday. Miss Margaret Wales was assistant hostess. Mrs. Kinsley's newly electrified home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and after the business session presided over by President Clara Livingstone a Christmas party was enjoyed and gifts exchanged. Several members are on the ailing list. Miss Wales is wearing a plaster cast because of a broken knee-cap; Mrs. Opal Bobo has been confined to her home for some time; and cards of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Daisy Patterson and Miss Florence Shoop who are ill. The next meeting will be at the Holman residence near Morongo Inn with Mrs. Jessie DeLand as cohostess.

Visiting Mrs. Anna Hicks are her sisters, Mrs. Nona Hicks and Mrs. F. W. Halloway and the latter's husband, who recently came from Houston, Texas. Mr. Halloway hopes to relieve his sinus trouble with Morongo air and sunshine. Mrs. Hicks formerly owned a home in the Tinch tract.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fobes and daughter, Patricia came from Pasadena to be with Mrs. Fobes' sister, Margaret Wales until she recovers from a broken knee. Mr. Fobes is still wearing a plaster jacket for his broken back.

Milford Weis learned Wednesday of the death of his brother Walter's daughter in Pomona. She had been ill for a week and death was caused by a blood clot. The funeral was held Friday.

Harry Hess, supervising the construction of the Morongo Valley Community Hall and temporary school, has issued a call for twenty volunteer workers. It is hoped to finish the building in time for the beginning of the February term of school. Everyone, whether parents of school childretn or not, is asked to help this civic project.

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## Monument Attracts Noted Visitors

H. S. Shilko, Regional Highway Engineer of the National Park Service, spent several days late last month in the Joshua Tree National Monument to inspect roads and, with Frank Givens, custodian, to discuss future road plans and developments. Shilko and Givens also went to Death Valley to observe results of road oiling and to acquire some equipment surplus to the needs of that area.

On December 4th and 5th Herbert Maier, Associate Regional Director, visited the Monument on an inspection trip.

Ranger Les Earenfight, on December 6th, guided a party of 26 from Palm Springs Desert Museum to Lost Palms Canyon.

Harry James, Don McLain and Ralph F. Mocine, representing the Sierra Club, visited the area on December 8th as an unofficial committee to discuss future development of the Monument.

Lloyd Mason Smith, director of Palm Springs Desert Museum, plans to bring a group to the Monument for a ranger-guided trek to 49 Palms Canyon.

## Coming EVENTS

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JOSHUA TREE WOMEN'S CLUB
3rd Friday each month
Community Hall, 2 p.m.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Joshua Tree Women's Club
1st Friday each month
Community hall.
TRI-VALLEY LIONS CLUB
1st and 3rd Thursday
Bouchey's, Yucca Valley
7:30 p.m. Dinner.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tri-Valley Lions Club
Last Thursday each month
Bouchey's, Yucca Valley.
SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
1st and 3rd Monday each month
American Legion Hall.
JOSHUA TREE PTA
3rd Tuesday each month
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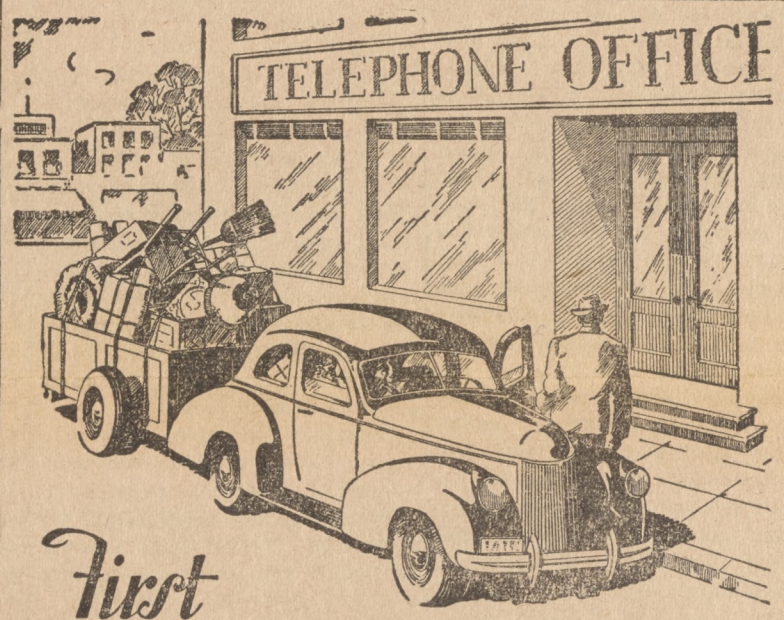


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## No Connections

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"Yeah! Sure. Even your Uncle Alfred was a lawyer before he went into politics. In politics, and in business too, I guess . . . you need good connections. That is," and Terry allowed his voice to drop, "if your relatives haven't left you any footprints to step into."

Sally pursed her lips and inhaled sharply. Terry hastened to interrupt.

"I'm not implying anything, darling," he went on smoothly. "I just haven't got the connections. Besides, I don't like politics."

Terry left for the office, still calm and matter of fact. But what he shouldn't have done was to come home that night to Sally, book under arm, expecting to find her properly mollified. The dinner ended and the book took precedence over Sally From right there on one thing led to another and here she was in Reno. For a brief moment Sally felt miserable, and wondered why Terry's handsome face appeared before her, like a portrait in her mind.

Abruptly, Sally returned her thoughts to Mr. McAllister, an attorney whom a divorcee friend had recommended. She picked up her purse, and half rising, prepared to leave. But the information desk still entertained a small crowd, and she changed her mind. She sat down.

A man under a ten-gallon hat sat beside her on the bench. Sally beheld a benevolent looking, elderly person, whose matching white hair and white sombrero made him look like an extravaganza of the West's old-timers. His short, white-clipped mustache was partly upturned by his smile. Sally responded briefly, spoke first.

"Pardon me," she said, "can you please tell me if—where a Mr. McAllister's office —" She interrupted herself, commenced rummaging through her purse. "Oh, I've got his address here somewhere!"

The stranger lifted his eyebrows slightly. "Well, Reno is a pretty good-sized town—biggest little city in the world! Mr. McAllister? Yes, I've made his acquaintance—" The stranger stopped short then. "Why . . . you don't mean a pretty little youngster like you—"

Sally nodded sadly. "Please . . ."

"But a girl like you, that's impossible. Why you remind me of my first wife. No . . . my fourth," he added. And as Sally turned troubled eyes. "Mind if I go on?"

The old man's kind reproach brought back another image of Terry—and with it, a quick stab of the blues. Sally couldn't listen to another word just then. So she nooded again.

But the stranger, once warmed up, pulled down the throttle. "My fourth wife, she was younger than I—considerably," he hurried on. "She made so many demands on a man. Wanted me to neglect my work, and I did for a while. So I could take her out nights." He observed that Sally had suddenly become interested.

"My first wife was Marybelle, back in Topeka. That was different, and what's more it was my fault. Took me years to find that out. The two in between . . . they don't matter so much, now. But can you imagine! . . . young lady, when I went back home to Marybelle, she accepted me. Same as the first time."

Sally caught herself wishing that she were back with Terry. Should she—was it too late to change her mind? she asked inwardly. Would Terry still want her?

Then aloud, "And your first wife—?"

"We're getting married next week," he announced solemnly.

By now, the crowd in the waiting room had thinned. Then, approaching from the direction of the street entrance, a young man who didn't look old at thirty, red-haired and handsomely unfreckled, was already near them. The old man, the first to notice his approach, smiled, and watched the girl beside him. Sally, in a burst of comprehension, stood up to meet him.

"Terry!" Her voice rose to a shrill. "You did know that—after all—that I . . But how on earth—?"

Terry took her in his arms. "By plane, dear. Yes, of course I would. I'd follow you anywhere, darling. I've been here since yesterday."

After a moment Terry released her. He placed his hand over Sally's beside him, shifted his attention to the elderly stranger.

"I'll never know how I can ever thank you enough, Mr. McAllister."

Sally's startled gaze glanced off from Terry's smile to the older man.

"Sally, this is my old law professor," Terry said. "You remember. . . . Mr. McAllister was the lawyer I recommended for Maxine Kent when she came to Reno last year"

Mr. McAllister held out his hand, brushed aside Terry's words of gratitude with a simple gesture. He told Sally he guessed they wanted to be alone, and took his leave. And Sally, thinking of when she last saw her husband, wondered what course their lives might have taken if Terry, indeed, had had no connections.

Mr. McAllister's silhouette had disappeared through the street door when Sally looked up at her husband.

"It's nice that he's going back to his first wife," she said.

Terry turned to her, his glance all encompassing. "Who? . . . the professor. Oh, he's a bachelor." Then quickly, he looked away. He heard a quick intake of breath and he knew her lips were tightened. Terry sighed, and listened quietly.

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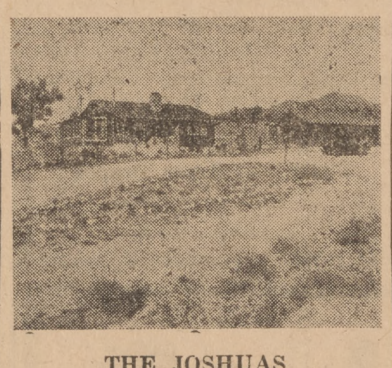
## Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



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Were this essay to carry a title, it would read, It dosen't pay to get too "cocky." For the past several weeks I have been around people who were going through the various stages of a stubborn cold. They looked miserable—and felt worse! And here I was, figuratively speaking, pounding my chest and telling every one that I seldom have a cold!! Why, I was just sure that I would escape that unpleasant experience!

And then it happened Last evening I began to realize that I had been bragging too much and too soon! At first I disliked to admit that I felt so wretched, but today, after using one box of cleansing tissue, acquiring a red nose, nasal tones, and the other various symptoms that follow in its wake, I lost all my pride. Henceforth I'll not be so cock-sure about myself when other people are going through the discomforts of a severe cold!


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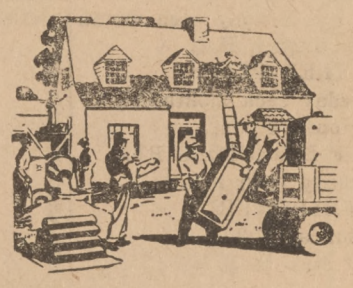

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Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Hall, 9:45 a.m.

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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.

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EPISCOPAL SERVICES
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Second Sunday each month.
Community Church.

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL
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## Church Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

Dr. D. C. Williams read from the 7th Chapter of Matthew, verses 24-29, "Building upon a firm foundation."

Sunday, December 21st, at the Sunday School hour, instead of the usual class period and other activities, Mrs. H. K. Lee will tell the Christmas Bible story with a series of Feltographs interspersed with familiar carols. Try to have every child present for this beautiful story.

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Congressman Sheppard of the 21st Congressional District of California filed a bill known as H.R. 2122 which would outlaw the Communist Party and, also, persons or organizations who advocate the overthrow and destruction of our form of Government by force and violence.

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By BERTHA LEDBETTER

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For a "gal" that has that many, sure is a "dope,"
I won't have "twenty-nine coats made of mink,
And not much of glass or silver to clink,
But I will have a life that's happy and free,
In my nice, little home in Joshua Tree.

It won't be a house that's massive or great,
But in it there'll be no malice or hate.
It will just be a place for laughter and fun
For all who come in when their days work is done.
There'll be a huge fireplace where I'll sit and dream
In the long winter evenings, in the firelights soft gleam,
Of those whom I know will come home to me
In my nice, little home in Joshua Tree.

There might be a dog, and maybe a cat
I know I'll invite you to hang up your hat
And stay for an hour, a day or a week,
Until you have found all the joy that you seek,
We'll stand in my doorway and watch the sun bring
A million bright colors to make your heart sing.
We'll just be the people fate meant us to be
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# P.T.A. Board Meets With Mrs. Hover

Members of the Board of Directors of the Joshua Tree PTA met last Tuesday, December 9th, at the home of the publicity chairman, Mrs. Ira Hover. It was announced that at the regular meeting on December 16th to be held at the Schoolhouse motion pictures of the 29 Palms area would be shown by Harlow Jones. All parents and children were invited.

Santa Claus will appear with presents for all the youngsters at the joint PTA-Sunday School-Womens Club Christmas party at the Schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 19th. Festivities will start at 7:30 p.m.

Prizes for obtaining the greatest number of new members were awarded to Norma Ojala and Joan Papendick, reported Mrs. Hover.

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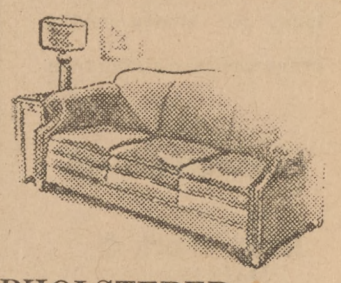
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